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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

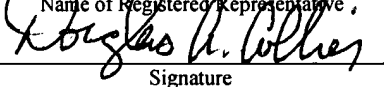
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed March 7, 2005, please consider the following. The restriction requirement establishes a three month period for response. Enclosed herewith is a request for extension of time and fee to extend the period for response one month to and including July 7, 2005. Please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account 12-2424, but not including the payment of issue fees.

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